HONOLULU CELEBRATES CABLE DAY

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E. P. Dole, Collector of Customs E. R. Stackable, and T. F. Lansing.

The appearance of the guests caused more closely about the stand and when ing to order, he faced not less than stood under the trees and about the as cosmopolitan as Honolulu can produce, and not one of the many races plause.) failed of representation in that vast

There were cheers when Mr. Smith appeared at the front of the stand and began to speak. He said:

Chairman George W. Smith, in opening the exercises, said:

"Ladies and gentlemen: We are hardly stop to look back. gathered here to celebrate one of the most important events in the history of these Islands; and among the first messages sent over the Commercial Pa- tory. cific Cable was one to the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. To this message he has most graclously replied in glowing terms of congratulation."

Mr. Smith then presented Secretary Cooper, who said:

We meet today to celebrate the commoved the greatest disadvantage under | way in which others have walked?

which we have lived.

ble half way round the globe and have experience and not the cable came. spanned the Pacific ocean from San The Atlantic ocean had its telegraph Honolulu to Japan, touching at inter-Francisco to Honolulu. To all who cables which came into existence behave been connected with the enter- cause there was business to support in Hawaiian Government bonds was prise we give our heartfelt thanks, them. There were cables which kept made by Mr. Morgan to secure the perabove all we offer our tribute to the England, France and Germany in conformance of this agreement. His conmemory of the man whose genius and tact with their distant colonial possesbusiness tact gave us the cable, and sions, and which were constructed and merely for exclusive cabling right beamid our rejoicing there is mingled a maintained by the aid of heavy subsitiveen Hawaii and Japan for a period sincere regret that he did not live to dies from their respective governments. of twenty years. see his project completed,

Another will be added when the cable is laid connecting us with the Philip-

which have already been made. We may safely expect to be served in the near future by the "All Red" line from Vancouver to the British colonies, and finally the opening of the as commercial, there were men in Hacanal across the Isthmus will make us waii who had long felt the need of telea center of travel and commerce and graphic communication. California was the Hub of the Pacific ocean.

greeting of the people of the Territory upon their delegation in Congress at the completion of the undertaking. neither in Hawaii nor at the coast his message before we part.

S. S. Dickenson, manager of the cable company's interests, replied to Mr. Cooper, as follows:

"Mr. Secretary, ladies and gentlemen: As the representative of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company, I beg to thank you for your hearty welcome, and through you the citizens of the Territory of Hawaii, for the kindly expressions which I have heard today; and I will convey them with much pleasure to Mr. Clarence Mackay, Mr. George W. Ward, and the members of the executive board of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company." (Applause.)

MESSAGE FROM ROOSEVELT. Secretary Cooper then read the message from President Roosevelt, as fol-

"White House, Washington, D. C., January 1, 1903. "Hon. Henry E. Cooper, Secretary of

Hawaii, Honolulu: "The President sends through you to Governor Dole and the people of Hawaii his hearty congratulations upon the opening of the cable. He believes that it will tend to make the people of Hawaii more closely connected than ever to their fellow citizens of the mainland, and will be for the great advantage of all our people

"GEO. B. CORTELYOU, "Secretary to the President."

The cheers which greeted the reading of this message were drowned by the band playing "The Star Spangled Banner," while from a park of artilery a salute of 100 guns was fired, and the people stood uncovered. Chairman Smith then announced Dr. J. S. Mc-Grew, who said:

DR. McGREW'S REMARKS.

not come prepared to make any remarks at all. I did not think I would obliged to the President of this meeting for his kind introduction. You all know me pretty well. I have been here thirty-six years, and thirty years of of Pacific cables, two men came upon of Hawaii under the influence of elec-

(that I have given more or less to what I thought would be for the best interintendent of Public Instruction A. T. est of Hawaii. (Applause.) Very often, as many of the people here know, it was quite a struggle; a few years lector Pratt, J. G. Spencer, J. F. Ken- ago, I might say, to be an American (Laughter), but I am happy to say that nedy, T. Clive Davies, F. M. Swanzy, it has gradually worked along until the Henry Waterhouse, Attorney General country is all American. My efforts sometimes were condemned very much, but I am glad to see a great many here that condemned me then, now enjoying the fruits of the labor; not of myself, but of all who were annexationthe vast concourse of people to gather ists, and through annexation we got the cable. Now I hope to live to see the day that we may have the canal, either Chairman Smith arose to call the meet- through Tehuantepec or Panama, that will make us the center of the Pacific trade, and that it, too, will be controllthree thousand people, who sat and ed by Americans. I will say nothing further, because there will be several gentlemen who are to make remarks, lawn. It was an audience which was and can make them very much better than I. I hope to live to see the canal through, and everything safe." (Ap-

General A. S. Hartwell was then introduced as one who had been a pioneer in the line of cable promotion,

The greatest event in the history of Hawali has occurred today. Now we have entered into the larger life of the outer world. Its rich blood courses tumultuously through our veins, we can

And yet Hawaii has tender memories for its past and that is why a few minutes are given now to its cable his-

It is not the fortune of those who communication between Hawaii and story of efforts crowned with success; but the fact remains that vigorous efforts were made on which high hopes erican and South American cable com- communication. were builded, and who knows but those who took part in those early efforts and patriotic. They saw the need of the pletion of the enterprise that has re- did the work of pioneers to blaze the United States government to commu-

From a purely business point of view By the inauguration of telegraphic it is only a very few years since the sessions in the Far East. They forecommunication with the mainland we establishment of a cable between Hono- saw the time when the commerce of the become intimately associated with the lulu and San Francisco has been re- Pacific ocean would justify and sustain rest of the world and messages of po- garded as worthy of consideration by their enterprise. litical and commercial importance, joy cable experts. Until the recent deand sorrow, success and failure will velopment of trade with China and come to us over the cable that has just Japan any one who attempted to secure York, of which Gen. Scrymser was been landed on our shores, but the a submarine telegraph cable in the Pa-main result will be a decided influence cific ocean had an opportunity to learn tained from the Hawaiian government in favor of the upbuilding of a patriotic what leading a forlorn hope was like. a cable contract dated July 2d, 1898, in and progressive American common-for him from all quarters. Those who a cable between California and Hawaii, We extend a hearty welcome to the take part in a forlorn hope are usually within two years from the date of the good ship Silvertown, her officers and encouraged and thought kindly of by Act of Congress authorizing them to crew who have safely brought the ca- those who are looking on. But the do so, and within three years from such

The name A glance at the map showing all the

of John W. Mackay will always be held telegraph cables of the world, disclosed in fond remembrance by all our people. | the power of the British empire and the Just one word for the future. By the wisdom of those who controlled its deslaying of this cable we have added an- tinies; but there was not a single line other spoke to our wheel of fortune. of cable in which the United States had the slightest interest.

The Pacific ocean was as innocent of pines and the Orient, many miles of cables as the pond of a country vil-

HAWAII'S NEED OF A CABLE.

From a political point of view, as well so identified in business interests with It has been my honor to send to the Hawaii that its public men and organ-President of the United States the izations were always ready to urge and to assure him of our gratification the passage of cable measures, but And I trust that I may be able to read was capital ready to embark in the enterprise. Hawaii did more than its part to promote the cable. Its Legislature passed four distinct cable acts. First, in 1874, during the ministry of William L. Green, when an act was the Commercial Pacific Cable Company passed to promote the transmission of to secure an enabling act from Conintelligence from electricity by any in- gress for its cable, it sought authority, corporated company. This act offered as I am told, from the State Departfacilities for terminal stations and free ment, Department of the Interior and use of the public roads for laying elec- other departments of the government, tric wires. Also exemption from duties bone of which appeared to feel that and port charges for cable ships and they could authorize the landing of the

The next act was in November, 1887, when L. A. Thurston was Minister of and vigorous manner, cut the gordian the Interior, when the first exclusive knot and gave the long sought authorfranchise with a subsidy was author- ity under certain conditions to be comized. The act authorized an exclu- plied with by this company. sive franchise and an annual subsidy In his last message to Congress he of \$20,000 for fifteen years. Un- asked that his action in this matter be der that act Mr. Audley Coote of Tas- approved, and there can hardly be any mania obtained a cable contract which doubt that the approval will be given.

In December, 1890, another act was have gone ahead even without the sancpassed similar to that of 1887, author- tion of the President, but the probaizing an exclusive franchise and an bility is that, but for his action, we annual subsidy of \$25,000 a year for should have waited indefinitely for the fifteen years. A cable contract under result which we commemorate today. this act was taken to Washington, placed at the disposal of the United States government, and was instrumental in securing an appropriation by the Sen- Chamber of Commerce, was then inate of the United States of the sum of \$3,000,000, payable over a period of fifteen years in sums of \$250,000 annually, to any company with which the President of the United States should con- Korea tomorrow to Clarence Mackay, tract, for laying and maintaining a sub- for which the Honolulu Merchants' marine cable between California and Association and the Honolulu Chamber the Hawaiian Islands. This measure, of Commerce are responsible. The

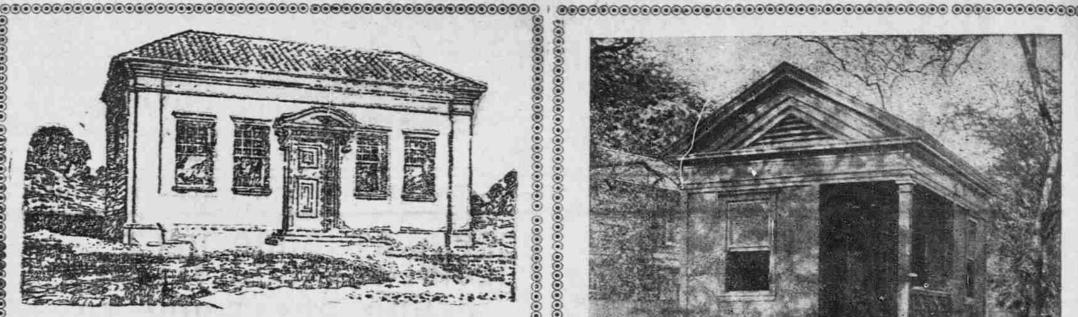
however, was rejected in the House. memorial reads as follows: Finally, in 1895, a cable act was passed in Hawaii which authorized the President of Hawaii, by consent of the Cabinet to enter into a cable contract with any corporation or individual, with such financial and other assistance, as might openingfor business of the link of the seem just and advantageous to the in- Pacific cable joining the Western coast terests of the Republic of Hawaii. A of the continent with the islands of the franchise with a subsidy of \$40,000 a mid-Pacific, the business men of Hoyear was granted under this act to Col. nolulu offer to you their heartfelt feli-"Well, ladies and gentlemen, I did Spaulding, but that franchise shared the citations upon the realization of the fate of the others and came to nothing. plans of yourself and associates as con-It lapsed in May, 1898, for failure to ceived by your father, comply with its conditions.

After years of anticles

MORGAN AND SCRYMSER.

Then, for the first time in the history years of the century, and the future

SMALL HUTS WHERE LAND ENDS OF CABLE MEET THOSE THAT COME UP FROM THE SEA



The Cable Hut at San Francisco.

Small Buildings of Great Importance at Waikiki and Near San Francisco.

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an American company-with its pos-

To accomplish their object they form-

ed the Pacific Cable Company of New

act to lay and maintain a cable from

mediate islands. A deposit of \$25,000

tract called for no financial aid, but

cable companies had exclusive fran-

chises for cabling in the Orient extend-

ing over long terms of years. A cable

from Hawaii to Manila would conflict

with these franchises, but there would

have been no difficulty in arranging

matters if the Hawalian cable itself

nad an exclusive right as far as Hawaii

Unfortunately for the success of the

Morgan enterprise a condition was in-

serted in his contract with the Hawai-

ian government making it invalid if

disapproved by the Secretary of State

within six months. It was disapproved

on the last day of the six months by

Secretary Hay, at the instance of the

Hawaiian Commission, and that put an

end to the far-reaching plan of Pier-

pont Morgan in regard to a system of

Last winter, after fruitless efforts by

Then President Roosevelt, in his alert

It is possible that the company would

GREETINGS TO MACKAY.

troduced, and spoke as follows:

C. M. Cooke, vice president of the

"I have pleasure in reading to you a

Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 2, 1903.

memorial which will go forward on the

Clarence H. Mackay, Esq., President of

Sir: Upon the completion and formal

After years of anticipation, the con-

summation of our hopes opens a newer

and brighter prospect with the first

the Commercial Pacific Cable Com-

was concerned.

cable ir. Hawaii.

There are two small buildings on the dence of cable building operations in shores of the Pacific that will certainly Honolulu. The cottage is simply and be regarded as landmarks a half century or so from now. One is the cable hut at Waikiki, the other is a similar shore ends of the cable. The hut on one near the Cliff House at San Fran- the Coast is not mere pretentious than cisco. Almost everyone in Horolulu is its Hawaiian sister. It serves the same now familiar with the little building purpose. Yet from either of these huts on the narrow strip of land secured a great deal of business is likely to be from the Hatch property at Waikiki for carried on most any day in case the the public has been down there to see land sections of the cable should in any

the scene who were ready and willing tric union with the mother continent is the dawning year may bring with it COMMISSIONER EUSTIS'S SPEECH to furnish the capital and experience certainly full of promise. That this im- manifold blessings. for a cable from California to Japan, petus to our trade and general busi- THE HONOLULU CHAMBER OF touching at Honolulu, Guam and Ma- ness should come through the genius nila. These men were J. Pierpont and enterprise of a pioneer of the Coast tried years ago to establish telegraphic Morgan, who had obtained by actual Commonwealth is a matter of congratusubscriptions the sum of \$10,000,000 for lation, and the name of John W. Macthe rest of the world, to tell today the this purpose, and Gen. James M. Scrym- kay will be connected for all time with ser, who for over twenty years had been that development of the Western ocean president of the Mexican, Central Am- which must follow the opening of direct panies. Their plan was comprehensive

With renewed assurances of the deep-

By its Vice-President, Charles M. Cooke. THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION OF HONOLULU, By its President, F. W. Macfarlane.

Chairman Smith then introduced Mr.

PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON'S DISPATCH TO CYRUS W. FIELD, JULY 29, 1866, ON COMPLETION OF

"To CYRUS W. FIELD, Heart's Content: I heartily congratulate

FIRST SUCCESSFUL ATLANTIC CABLE.

you, and trust that your enterprise may prove as successful as your efforts have been persevering. May the cable under the sea tend to sea, but that is now broken and for all promote harmony between the Republic of the West and the Governments of the Eastern Hemisphere.

ANDREW JOHNSON,

est feelings of consideration and con- W. H. Eustis, who, he said, was now gratulation upon this occasion, the in the Territory as the direct reprebusiness men of Honolulu tender to you chise for cabling between Hawaii and their best wishes for the future and the Japan was required, was that British early fulfillment of your plans for fur- Eustis was greeted with applause, and ther extension of your cable, and that said:

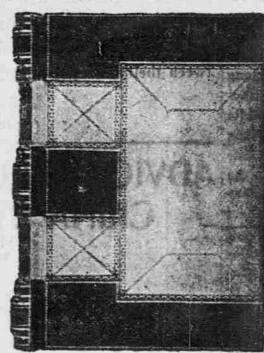
The Small Cable House at Waikiki.

"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: It is a great pleasure to me to meet with you on this momentous occasion. (Applause.) Your hearts are filled with the hopes of the future. Your hopes of the past are now realized, and I am glad to be with you to catch for a moment a little of that inspiration which comes from aspirations such as you have had. I came here as a stranger, and ye took me in. (Laughter and applause.) I have enjoyed my sojourn here exceedingly, and one of the pleasantest things about it is that I am perhaps one of the last to share with you the enjoyment of the solitude of the sea. (Laughter.) You are no longer Robinson Crusoes. (Laughter.) You have got out into the wide world, and in touch with all mankind. My friend Hall here just a few minutes ago picked up a Honolulu paper and said he could hardly believe it-'Washington, January 2.'

"Ab, yes; you have been living a time to come. You have, so to speak, been out of time and out of date with the rest of the world. (Laughter.) When the rest of the world laughed, you were not in it, and were probably weeping; and when the world was weeping, you were laughing, and when they postponed coronations you were going on with the celebration. (Prolonged laughter and applause.)

"At last you have struck the true gait of the ages, and will now follow the process of the suns. Since I have been here I was thinking, as I listened

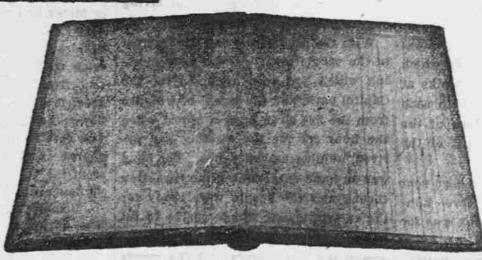
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